



Spring E– Newsletter March—May 2010

Clermont County Park District Celebrates 40 Years

Keith Robinson, Naturalist

The Park District was formed on February 5, 1970 when then probate judge Charles Jackson established a three member board of park commissioners. The last 40 years have seen a lot of growth throughout the Park District, expanding from its first park of 23 acres to a total of nearly 450. The Park District now operates five parks, two nature preserves, three greenspaces, and a park and nature preserve that is still in the development stage.

After the formation of the park district it took one year to acquire land, and two years before the first park was officially open to the public. Sycamore Park was acquired from the Batavia Rotary Club in 1971 and after some renovation work officially opened to the public in 1972. Before becoming Sycamore Park, the land belonged to the Batavia Rotary Club and served as the home field for the Batavia High School football team. Its location in the center of the county made it a wonderful acquisition for the newly formed park district. With two expansions in the past seven years, the park has grown from 23 to 158 acres and remains the most visited park within the park district.



Ms. Aletheia Pattison stands in front of her cabin.

The same year Sycamore Park opened, the park district acquired another property that would become part of Pattison Park. The 24 acre parcel of land on the south side of US 50 was donated by Aletheia Pattison, the daughter of Ohio's 43rd governor, John M. Pattison. Ms. Pattison grew up in the Promont House in Milford and was a long time philanthropist. The original Pattison Park property now contains the fishing pond. In 1976, just four years after her first donation, the park district received another gift from Ms. Pattison. She donated an additional 18 acres of land on the opposite side of Route 50 from the existing Pattison Park. This new

parcel contained a lodge (at the time valued at over \$200,000) a house and a small cabin. Though the house was demolished some time later, the lodge still stands and serves as a popular wedding and reception site for many couples. The small cabin Ms. Pattison used as her weekend cottage remains and is now the park district's administrative office.

Upon her death in 1978 Ms. Pattison established an endowment fund that would be used by the Park District for park improvement projects.

The Pattison Foundation was created to oversee the endowment fund and 32 years later, the foundation continues to provide money each year to the park district for improvement projects. Recent projects funded by the Pattison Foundation include; a new evaporator for the naturalist department's maple syrup programs, new playground equipment at Pattison Park in 2003, partial funding of the Chilo Lock 34 Visitor Center and Museum, and a dump truck for the maintenance department in 2006.

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The next major park acquisition came in 1985 when the park district purchased 14 acres of land that would become Chilo Lock 34 Park. The park was used from 1925-1964 by the US Army Corps of Engineers as a lock and dam along the Ohio River. The new park was originally called John M. Pattison Park to honor the 43rd governor of Ohio and Clermont County native. It was later changed to Chilo Lock 34 Park to avoid confusion with the Pattison Park named after John's daughter, Aletheia. The new acquisition was a big one for the park district who had hopes of renovating the vacant operations building into something the residents of Clermont County could benefit from.

A year after acquiring Chilo Lock 34 Park, the Park District received a 22 acre donation of land along the Little Miami River in Miami Township. The new property was donated by Ms. Virginia Kelley as a memorial to her husband, Walter A. Kelley. The property is now known as the Kelley Nature Preserve and is located on State Route 126 in Miami Township. The nature preserve expanded in 1996 when an adjacent 20 acre parcel of land was purchased bringing the total acreage to 42.



Obtained in 1989, the Hartman Log Cabin opened to the public in 1991.

The smallest park within the park district was acquired in 1989. Hartman Log Cabin, located at the corner of US Route 50 and Aber Road in Jackson Township was a gift from Cecos International. Before demolishing an old house that stood on the property, it was discovered that beneath the old siding were wooden timbers from an old log house. When the logs were discovered the log house was restored rather than demolished. After restoring the log house, Cecos International donated the cabin and the surrounding 5 acres of land to the Park District. The cabin serves as a rental facility today, hosting many baby showers, family reunions and small weddings each year.

1991 brought another addition to the Park District. The 77 acre Crooked Run Nature Preserve, located adjacent to Chilo Lock 34 Park, was added through a cooperative lease agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Ms. Mimi Paul, who owned the land, sold it as a bargain sale to ODNR in memory of her late husband Robert J. Paul. With help from the Civilian Conservation Corps, trails were constructed and observation blinds were built along Crooked Run Creek and the new nature preserve opened to the public in 1992. Though it is owned by ODNR, the Clermont County Park District continues to manage the nature preserve which remains the only state dedicated nature preserve in Clermont County.



After this growth and expansion, the Park District needed additional funding to make improvements in the parks. After two failed levy campaigns in the early 1990's, the park district decided to sell several of its smaller and seldom used parks to raise money for other park improvements. These improvements included restrooms and a paved walking trail at Sycamore Park, construction of a gazebo, and lodge renovations at Pattison Park.

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Originally built in the early 1990's, the gazebo at Pattison Park serves as a popular outdoor wedding spot.

The park district, with the help of grants, expanded again in 1997, adding 25 acres of land to Chilo Lock 34 Park to construct a new entrance road. In 2000 the district received a \$732,000 grant to renovate the vacant lockhouse, in the center of the park.

Two land acquisitions occurred in 2003, totaling 83 acres. The first was a 30 acre expansion of Sycamore Park. The land was acquired with a grant from the Clean Ohio Fund in the amount of \$222,060. The Park District was able to acquire this land with the help of the Pattison Foundation. The Pattison Foundation purchased the land and held it until the Park District was able to secure a grant to purchase the land. This expansion brought Sycamore Park from 23 to 53 acres.



Sycamore Park expanded by 30 acres in 2003. This bridge was put in place and a new hiking trail opened in 2006.

Also in 2003, the Park District received a donation of 56 acres of land in Union Township on Tealtown Road. Through a collaborative agreement with the Union Township Trustees work on the development of the park began in 2009. The official opening date of this park is still yet to be determined.

The largest land acquisition in the 40 year history of the Park District occurred in December 2008. The Park District secured a grant from the Clean Ohio Fund to purchase an additional 105 acres of land adjacent to Sycamore Park. The new park, known as the James L. and Frances Wilson Nature Preserve contains nearly three miles of hiking trails, a spectacular display of spring wildflowers and several panoramic views of the East Fork river valley during the winter months. This acquisition was due in part to the Wilson family who donated a portion of the land value to the Park District in order to meet the requirements of the grant. With the new Wilson Nature Preserve, Sycamore Park is now the largest park within in the Clermont County Park district at 158 acres.



Prior to its renovation in 2005, The lockhouse at Chilo Lock 34 Park sat vacant for 40 years.

One of the biggest accomplishments in the 40 year history of the Clermont County Park District is the renovation of Chilo Lock 34 Park. Obtained in 1985, the former lock and dam site on the Ohio River provides a scenic view of the Ohio River. However, the focal point of this park has always been the three story brick “lockhouse or powerhouse” that was used during the operation of lock and dam #34 from 1925-1964. After nearly twenty years, the Park District finally obtained funding and renovated the powerhouse into an interpretive visitor center and museum focusing on *Living and Working with the Ohio River*. This unique visitor center is truly one of a kind with many hands on exhibits and displays to keep all ages of visitors entertained. Since its opening in 2005, the visitor center has attracted nearly 30,000 visitors. Other recent park

improvements include an \$800,000 renovation to the park’s boat ramp and docking facilities, providing better access to boaters using the Ohio River. This is a cooperative project that is funded through the ODNR, Division of Watercraft.

Over the past forty years the Clermont County Park District has grown to nearly 450 acres and continues to grow. The Park District is extremely grateful to the generous individuals who laid the foundation for the park district by giving their properties to the park district as a lasting gift for the citizens of Clermont County to enjoy. With playgrounds, hiking trails, picnic facilities, fishing ponds, an interpretive museum, and plenty of scenic views, our parks offer a wide variety of activities for families and outdoor enthusiasts. Over the next forty years we hope to continue to grow and improve our existing park features.



Pattison Foundation Donates New Evaporator

The Pattison Foundation purchased a new evaporator for the Park District's maple syrup programs. The new evaporator is much more efficient than the one that was previously being used by the Park District. Since 2006 the Park District Naturalist staff has been operating a small sugarbush at Pattison Park. The sugarbush is used primarily for demonstration purposes to show how maple syrup is made. During February of 2010, over 400 students from Clermont County schools visited the working sugarbush and were able to sample some of the park district's own home made syrup. The end of syrup season is celebrated on the second Saturday in March with the Pancakes in the Park event at Pattison Park lodge.

The Pattison Foundation was established by the late Aletheia M. Pattison upon her death in 1978. In addition to donating the 45 acres of land that is now Pattison Park, Ms. Pattison also established a charitable foundation to assist the Park District on certain projects that the Park District may not otherwise be able to afford.

In recent years the Pattison Foundation has provided \$30,000 per year for the Chilo Lock 34 Park Visitor Center and Museum renovation project, purchased a dump truck for the maintenance department, and secured 30 acres of land adjacent to Sycamore Park that was later purchased by the Park District using a grant from the Clean Ohio Fund.

The Pattison Foundation has been a tremendous asset to the Park District over the years, and we would like to thank the foundation, and Ms. Aletheia Pattison for the legacy she has left behind for the many residents of Clermont County.



Unique Gift Ideas Available in the Parks

Did you know the Park District has a tree and bench memorial program? Citizens can have a tree planted in honor of a close friend or relative with a commemorative plaque. The trees can be selected from a list of available options and can be planted in one of several different parks. The cost of a tree sponsorship is \$400.

Citizens can also choose to sponsor a bench along the river walk at Chilo Lock 34 Park. The bench contains an engraved personalized

message. The cost of a bench sponsorship is \$1250. For more information contact Chris Clingman at 513.732.2977



Director's Comments

Chris Clingman, Park District Director

As I write this, another winter storm has just finished burying the parks in snow. Our maintenance staff has spent yet another day digging out the entrances and parking areas. Hopefully you were able to get out and enjoy a winter visit to the parks. A winter scene that I enjoyed during one of the many snow days was getting to see three Bald Eagles at one time at our Crooked Run Nature Preserve. The Eagles were chasing each other near where Crooked Run enters the Ohio River. They would fly down the river to Chilo Lock 34 Park and returned a while later. Eventually during a snow squall we lost track of them, but they sure made an exciting highlight to our winter hike.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Clermont County Park District and the above experience is just one example of the many benefits parks can provide. Not only do they provide places for people to hike and play, but they can provide and protect important habitats for our native plant and animals. Thanks to the donations, both large and small, of many people over the years our parks have grown. Like many park districts across the state, Clermont County Park District was formed without any land! It took over a year before Sycamore Park was acquired with cooperation from the Batavia Rotary Club. This was the first of many partnerships and philanthropic endeavors that have enabled the Park District to grow over the last 40 years.

Aletheia Pattison donated the land and the lodge that form Pattison Park. She had inherited the land from her uncle and she used it as a summer residence staying in the little cabin that is now the Park District's main office. She also formed a trust fund in her will to help with future operations of the Park District.



The lodge at Pattison Park is one of the lasting gifts given to the park district by Ms. Aletheia Pattison.

Recently, James and Frances Wilson worked with the Park District to create the James and Frances Wilson Nature Preserve at Sycamore Park. The Wilson's agreed to donate part of the value of their property. The Park District was able to use that donation as the local match to a Clean Ohio Fund Grant to purchase the property.

Ralph Lindsey sat down with us and provided many stories on living and working at Chilo Lock and Dam 34. Many of the stories are now featured in displays at the visitor center at Chilo. Today, his family continues to assist the Park District with donations and stories about life at the dam.

The East Fork Bass Anglers have been working with the Park District for years putting on a fishing tournament for kids at Pattison Park. Each year club members solicit area businesses for prizes and equipment to make for a fun day of fishing for kids.

Those are just a few of the people who have supported the parks over the years. I hope that you come out to enjoy the many benefits your parks provide. Whether it is a guided wildflower hike with one of our naturalists, an afternoon of play on one of the playgrounds, or a long hike through one of the nature preserves, the parks provide you with opportunity for fun and wonder. Thanks to the generosity of so many people who have supported the parks over the last 40 years.

Spring Naturalist Programs

March—May



Program has a fee



Pre-registration
is required

Pancakes in the Park Saturday March 13 Pattison Park Lodge

Enjoy a pancake breakfast with pure maple syrup, then step outside and see how real maple syrup is made. *More details on page 7.*



Step into Spring Sunday March 21 1:00 pm Sycamore Park/Wilson Nature Preserve

Get outside and enjoy the first full day of spring. We'll celebrate the long awaited arrival of spring as we hike the trails. We'll search for early spring wildflowers and other sure signs that spring has finally arrived. Meet at the pedestrian bridge.



Hepatica

Marsh Madness Friday April 9th 7:30 pm Chilo Lock 34 Park

We'll walk around the edge of the wetland in search of the small but noisy frogs that are so common this time of the year. Listen for spring peepers and chorus frogs as they sing the night away in hopes of attracting a mate. Bring a flashlight and be prepared to get your feet wet and muddy. Meet at the visitor center.



Spring Peeper

40th Anniversary Walk and Talks Wednesday April 21

1:00 pm Sycamore Park

Join Park District Director Chris Clingman for a walk exploring the history of Sycamore Park. He will share photos and stories on the history of the park, plus take a look at the colorful spring wildflowers along the paved trail. Meet at the Sycamore Woods shelter.



40th Anniversary Walk and Talks Wednesday May 5

11:00 AM Pattison Park

Join Park District Director Chris Clingman for a walk and talk on the history of Pattison Park. He will share the story of Aletheia Pattison, along with photos of the park showing its history. Meet at the Pattison Park Office parking lot.



Wildflower Walk Wednesday April 28 6:00 pm Sycamore Park

Take a naturalist guided walk and enjoy the carpet of wildflowers at Sycamore Park. The annual display of flowers should be quite colorful. We'll search for Virginia bluebells, celandine poppy, trout lilies, trilliums, and many other colorful spring flowers. Meet at the pedestrian bridge.



Large flowered Trillium



5th Annual Pancakes in the Park Saturday March 13th 8:00-11:30 am Pattison Park Lodge

Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast with 100% pure maple syrup.
Visit our sugar bush and sugar shack to see how pure maple syrup is made.



Tickets

Adults \$5.00
Seniors \$4.00
Children (6-12) \$2.00
Children 0-5 FREE

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in
advance by calling 513.732.2977



www.parks.clermontcountyohio.gov



Sponsor a Bucket

The park district is currently looking for sponsors for their sap buckets during the *Pancakes in the Park* event on Saturday March 13th. For \$25.00 visitors can have their name placed on one of the sap buckets along the



sugar bush trail. Each bucket sponsor will also receive two complimentary tickets to the pancake breakfast and a jar of pure maple syrup directly from the Pattison Park sugar bush . All proceeds will benefit the Park District's Naturalist Programs.

Each sap bucket sponsor will receive a complimentary jar of maple syrup from the Pattison Park sugar bush in a decorative maple leaf bottle.



Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E- Mail Address _____

Description for sponsor sign—Limit 4 lines of text, 15 characters per line (Please Print)

Send Check To:
Clermont County Park District
2228 US Highway 50
Batavia, OH 45103

Please return application along with \$25 check payable to Clermont County Park District. All applications and checks must be received by Wednesday March 10th.

EARTH DAY 2010

This year, both Earth Day and the Clermont County Park District are celebrating their 40th anniversaries! Celebrate these milestones with a day at the park in honor of your local park district and your planet.

Saturday April 10



Sycamore Park

Garlic Mustard Pull 9:00 am

Lend a hand to nature! We will continue the habitat improvements that began last fall by pulling garlic mustard, a highly invasive plant. Removing this troublesome plant will give the already beautiful display of spring woodland wildflowers an even better opportunity to shine. All are welcome to participate. Light refreshments will be served after. Call 513-876-9013 to sign up.

Nature Hike 11:30 am

Celebrate spring's enthusiastic return by exploring the trails for blooming flowers, migrating songbirds, the first butterflies and everything else nature has to offer.

Saturday April 17



Crooked Run Nature Preserve

Garlic Mustard Pull—10:00 am

Two years of intensive garlic mustard removal will finally show some results! This year we will continue to cover the previously pulled area and expand on this space as time permits. Everyone is welcome, a desire to help improve habitat for plants and animals is all that is needed. Light refreshments will be served after. Call 513-876-9013 to sign up.

Nature Hike 2:30 pm

Explore the park and preserve with a naturalist and watch for spring unfolding all around. Trails are flat, grass or gravel, and well maintained so bring the whole family to enjoy some time at the park.



PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Sycamore Park

All Preschool Story Times will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30, unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday April 21st 1:30 Wildflowers

Wednesday May 19th 1:30 Birds

Sycamore Park

It's storytime at the park once again. Bring your preschooler to Sycamore Park for stories, crafts and the chance to explore nature. Every month is a new topic!



East Fork River Sweep

Saturday April 24th



9:00 am

Pitch in and help clean up the East Fork of the Little Miami River. The park district will once again be partnering with several other agencies to sponsor the annual river clean up. Participants can choose from several locations including East Fork State Park and Stonelick State Park. Volunteers will receive a free lunch following the clean up. Pre registration is required. Please call the East Fork State Park office at 513.734.4323 to sign up.



**Gardening for Hummingbirds
and Butterflies**
Saturday May 1st
1:00 pm
Chilo Lock 34 Park

Discover some easy ways to draw the bright colors and fascinating flight of butterflies and hummingbirds to your garden. Meet at the visitor center.



Spring Garden Planting
Saturday May 15
10:00 am
Chilo Lock 34 Park



Spring's sunny days means it's planting time! Help fill the beds of the Victory Garden, Butterfly Patch and the Herb Garden with seeds

and plants. Get an early glimpse of what this year's harvest will bring and learn how to turn your own yard into a beautiful and tasty landscape. No gardening experience is necessary. Please call 513.876.9013 to sign up.

**Matt Maupin Memorial
Kid's Fishing Tournament**
Saturday May 8th
11:00 am—1:00 pm
Pattison Park

Join the East Fork Bass Anglers for this annual event. Children 15 and under are invited to drop their lines and see who can catch the largest, smallest, and most fish. Several prizes will be awarded in each age group. Each child participating will also receive a free hot dog lunch.



Butterfly Monitoring
**Chilo Lock 34 Park &
Crooked Run Nature
Preserve**
**Starting weekly in
April**

The second year of Long Term Butterfly Monitoring at Chilo Lock 34 Park and Crooked Run Nature Preserve begins on April 1st. The monitoring route is walked weekly, weather permitting. If you are interested in this citizen scientist project with the Ohio Lepidopterist Society, please email or call Laura at lhoople@co.clermont.oh.us or 513.876.9013. No previous knowledge of butterflies is needed.



Zebra Swallowtail

Naturalist Program Fee Chart

Effective January 1, 2010 the Clermont County Park District will institute fees for their naturalist programs. The fees will affect school programs and private programs. Most public programs will remain free. Fees for school programs will begin in September of 2010.

School/Private Program Fees

In- park program \$2.00 per person
Offsite/Outreach program
\$35.00 for first program
\$20.00 additional programs

If you have any questions about the program fees, or would like to schedule a naturalist program, please call the Naturalist Office at 513-876-9013.



Celandine Poppy

Nature Notes

Keith Robinson, Naturalist

March

Look for Red-winged Blackbirds to return to wetlands, open fields, and roadside ditches. One of our first migrating birds to return. The sound of the loudly signing male is a sure sign that spring is here.

Hepatica, one of our earliest blooming wildflowers should be blooming. Look for these along rocky slopes. These beautiful white to pink to purple colored flowers can be found at Sycamore Park and the Wilson Nature Preserve.



April

Early blooming trees such as red and silver maple and redbuds will add a splash of color to the forests.

Listen for Common Loons at Chilo Lock 34 Park and Crooked Run Nature Preserve. These majestic birds associated with northern climates often make rest stops in the Ohio River on their journey home. Their melodic songs can often be heard along the river.

May

Spring migration should be in full swing. The riparian forests of Sycamore Park, Wilson Nature Preserve, Kelley Nature Preserve, and Crooked Run Nature Preserve should attract a wide variety of orioles, warblers, vireos and other neotropical migrant songbirds.

Chilo Lock 34 Visitor Center and Museum Adds New Historical Item Now on Display

If you haven't visited the Chilo Lock 34 Visitor Center and Museum lately, then you haven't seen the newest item on display. A U.S. mail boat was donated to the park district by Don Zipperian. The boat on display was used in Higginsport, Ohio but is the same type of boat that was used in the village of Chilo. The postmaster used this type of boat to row across the river to pick up the mail in Bradford, Kentucky.

Special Thanks to Duke Energy who donated the use of their time and equipment to lift the boat into the museum.



Duke Energy crews lift the former U.S. mail boat into the Chilo Lock 34 Visitor Center and Museum

Winter Fun!



The American Heritage Girl troop took full advantage of the record snowfall in February. While camping out at Chilo Lock 34 Park, the girls built a snow scout, a snow tunnel, and enjoyed several snowball fights.

If you have pictures you would like to share with us from your park visit, please send them to krobinson@co.clermont.oh.us



Photos submitted by Milissa Marlar

Picnic Shelter Rentals

The Park District has picnic shelters for rent at Chilo Lock 34 Park, Sycamore Park, and Pattison Park for your summer picnic or family gathering.

Call the Park District administrative office at 513.732.2977 to make your reservation or check on availability.



<i>Park/Shelter</i>	<i>Capacity</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Chilo Lock 34 Park	50	\$50
Pattison Park	150	\$75
Sycamore Woods	50	\$50
Sycamore #2	150	\$75

Attention Shutterbugs!

If you enjoy visiting the Clermont County parks, and you have a camera, then we're looking for you. The Park District has created a group on Flickr.com. We are always searching for good photographs to use on our website, newsletter, and media releases. If you would like to join our group and share your favorite Clermont County Park District photos just visit

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/clermontcountyparks/>

or you can e-mail your park photos to krobinson@co.clermont.oh.us

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Pattison Lodge and Gazebo & Hartman Log Cabin Now Taking Reservations for 2011.



Pattison Lodge and Gazebo Rental Rates

In Season (May 15—October 15)

Monday through Thursday \$200

Friday and Sunday \$475

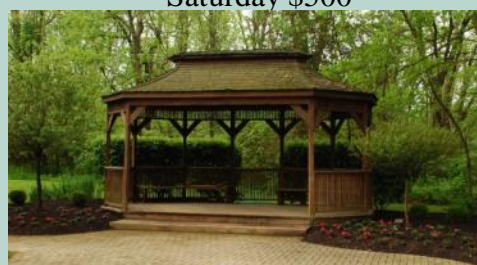
Saturday \$550

Out of Season (October 16—May 14)

Monday through Thursday \$200

Friday and Sunday \$425

Saturday \$500



Hartman Log Cabin Rental Rates

In Season Rates (May 15-October 15)

Monday through Thursday \$100

Friday through Sunday \$150

**Includes the use of the picnic shelter*

Out of Season Rates (October 16—May 14)

Monday through Sunday

\$100

Volunteer Donates Time to Remove Honeysuckle

The Clermont County Park District would like to thank Mike Adams for his work on eradicating invasive bush honeysuckle from Kelley Nature Preserve in the fall. Mike donated his time and was able to secure a donation of herbicide from the JF New company. Thanks to Mike's hard work the Park District was able to spray and kill a large patch of honeysuckle in November.

Bush honeysuckle is a non-native invasive plant. Originally introduced from Asia as a landscaping plant, honeysuckle has escaped from gardens and has spread to parks, nature preserves and open spaces throughout Ohio. An aggressive plant, honeysuckle has a longer growing season than most native plants and produces lots of seeds. If left untreated for several years, honeysuckle can invade and take over a natural area, displacing many of our native plants that are so beneficial to wildlife.

If you are interested in volunteering to remove other unwanted invasive plants from our parks, join us for one of our *Garlic Mustard Pull* days in April (see page 9 for details).



Mike Adams volunteering to eradicate honeysuckle from Kelley Nature Preserve

In Memoriam:

Former Clermont County Probate Judge Charles Jackson passed away on February 22, 2010. He was Probate judge from 1966 to until retiring in 1979. Judge Jackson formed the Clermont County Park District on February 5, 1970, after being petitioned by the townships. In retirement he lived in Chilo on banks on the Ohio River and was always interested in the development of Chilo Lock 34 Park. He was 88 years old.

Special Thanks to our Maple Syrup Volunteers

This season the park district presented 11 maple syrup programs to schools and scout groups totaling over 500 people. We are grateful for the many volunteers who assisted us during our busy sugaring season. The Clermont County Park District would like to thank the following volunteers for donating their time to the park district.

Chris Bass Jason Bell
Ron Gregory Adam Hoople
Laura Noe Oakley Noe
Ken Stewart



A volunteer collects sap from one of the many sugar maple trees at Pattison Park.

The Clermont County Park District would like to thank the following individuals for their generous contributions.

Ruth Epstein \$100.00
Bert Lindsey \$500.00
Patricia Lindsey \$500.00

Attention Volunteers!

The Park District is currently seeking volunteers to work at the Chilo Lock 34 Visitor Center and Museum. If you have a love of the Ohio River and enjoy talking to people then we may have the perfect opportunity.

Please call 513.876.9013 or e-mail
krobinson@co.clermont.oh.us
if you are interested.



CHILO Living and Working with the Ohio River

*Visit the Chilo Lock 34 Visitor Center and Museum
521 County Park Road Chilo, OH 45112*

*Spring Hours
March—April*

Thursday - Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm

May 1—24

Wednesday—Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm

Open seven days a week beginning Memorial Day



Attention Scout and Youth Group Leaders!

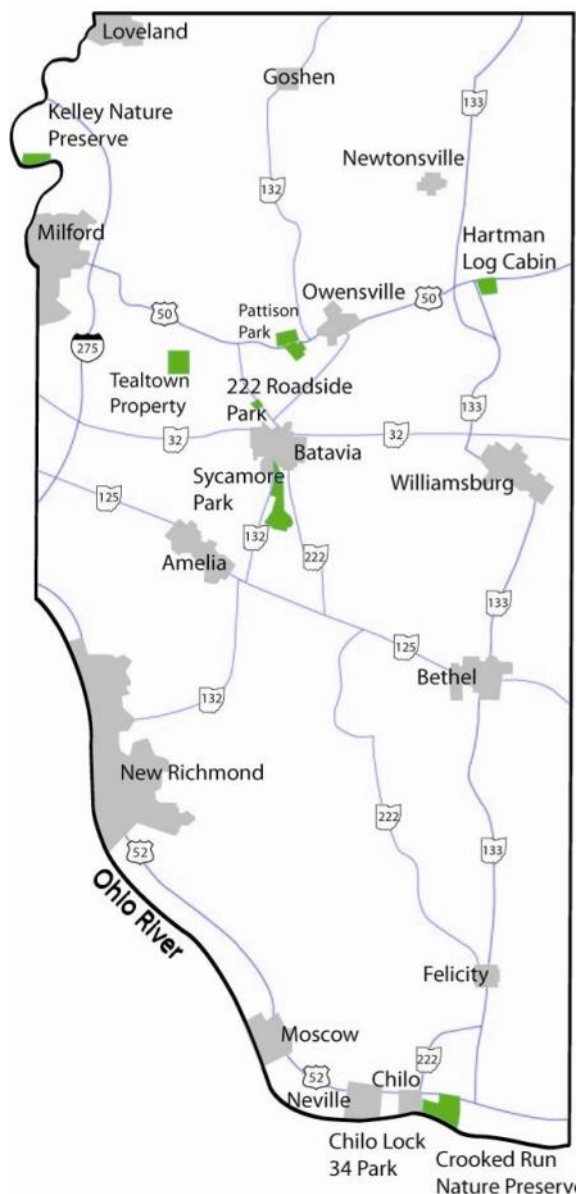
Did you know the Clermont County Park District
offers overnight camping in our Yurts?

We have two yurts available at Chilo Lock 34 Park for Girl
Scouts, Boy Scouts, American Heritage Girls, church youth
camps, or any other organized civic minded youth group.
Yurts are \$50 per night and will comfortably sleep 20-25.

The yurts come furnished with a wood burning stove.

To rent the yurts for your youth group
please call Pattison Park at 513.732.2977.





Chilo Lock 34 Park (39 acres)
US Highway 52 Chilo, OH 45112 513.876.9013

Crooked Run Nature Preserve (77 acres)
US Highway 52 Chilo, OH 45112

Hartman Log Cabin (5 acres)
5272 Aber Road Williamsburg, OH 45176

Kelley Nature Preserve (42 acres)
297 Center St. Loveland, OH 45140

Pattison Park (45 acres)
2228 US Highway 50 Batavia, OH 45103 732.2977

Sycamore Park (53 acres)
4082 State Route 132 Batavia, OH 45103

Wilson Nature Preserve (105 acres)
4082 State Route 132 Batavia, OH 45103

Williamsburg to Batavia Hike Bike Trail (2.5 miles)

Mission Statement

To acquire, plan, develop, program, and maintain park property in the county for residents and nonresidents alike. To secure the preservation of open space and places of scenic or historical value.

Board of Park Commissioners

William Stearns, *Chairman*
Kenneth Stewart
David Anspach

Chris Clingman, *Director*

Monthly board meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 12:00 pm in Pattison Park Lodge. All meetings are open to the public. For more information call 513.732.2977.

Contact Information

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